

Dietitians Today and Tomorrow/Dietistas Hoy y Mañana

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NIFA USDA Relevant Priority and Mission Area

Dietitians Today and Tomorrow/Dietistas Hoy y Mañana project is designed to; promoting student recruitment and retention; facilitating a cooperative initiative between a Hispanic Serving Institution and a Hispanic Professional School in South Texas; and, supporting the activities of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to enhance educational equity for underrepresented students. s carry out the USDA's Strategic Goal #5 to improve the Nation's Nutrition and Health focusing on two educational needs in Human Nutrition, i.e. to recruit and retain underrepresented students, and to develop experiential learning opportunities for underrepresented students. The priority needs targeted include: strengthening institutional educational capacities.

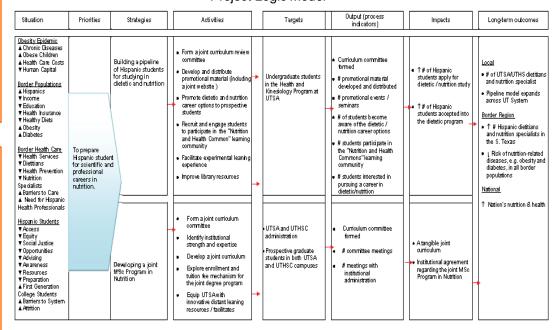
Project Objectives

- To build a pipeline of 20-30 qualified Hispanic students per year in the Health and Kinesiology Program at University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) to apply for the graduate programs in dietetics and nutrition
- 2. To plan a joint MSc Program in Nutrition between UTSA and University of Texas at San Antonio (UTHSC) providing a much needed post-secondary education opportunity for Hispanic students by 2013

Project Activities

- Curricula Design/Redesign. Identification of up to 60 credit hours of undergraduate work from UTSA applicable to UTHSC's Dietetics program and creation of an joint community nutrition between UTSA and UTHSC
- Student Recruitment: Materials and a website to promote prospective career options in dietetic and nutrition.
- Student Retention: A culturally sensitive learning community, "Nutrition and Health Commons" to increase their interests and retention in dietetics/nutrition, and to develop their competitiveness to enter the dietetic/nutrition professional programs
- Experiential Learning: Nutrition related learning experience on campus and within the community
- 5. Library Resources: Increased access to online dietetic and nutrition journals for UTSA faculty and students
- 6. Instruction Delivery Systems: Use of video conferencing and instructional delivery system

Project Logic Model



Expected Impacts

- 1. An increase in the number of Hispanic students in Health and Kinesiology program at UTSA who are interested in pursuing a career in dietetics and nutrition
- 2. A tentative plan for a joint UTSA/UTHSC MSc Program in Nutrition